



Reason for Life

I don't know how to say it, but somehow it seems to me
That maybe we are stationed where God wants us to be;
That the little niche I'm filling is the reason for my birth,
And just to do the work I do He sent me down to earth.

If God had wanted otherwise, I reckon He'd have made
Me just a little different, of a worse or better grade.
And since God knows and understands all things on land and sea,
I fancy that He placed me here just where He wanted me.

Sometimes I get to thinking, as my labors I review,
That I should like a higher place, with greater tasks to do.
But I come to the conclusion, when the envying is stilled,
That the post to which God sent me is the post He wanted filled.

So I plod along and struggle in the hope when day is through,
That I am really necessary to the things God wants to do.
And there isn't any service I can give which I should scorn,
For it may be just the reason God allowed me to be born.

—Selected and sent in by Mrs. W. R. Farrell, Quemado, Texas.

THE GROUND OF



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Notices

I am open for calls in evangelistic work all the time.—Your brother in Christ, Albert Teaster, Rt. 3, Hendersonville, N. C.

The Church of God at Lenoir City, Tenn., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following, as it has been sometime since we heard from any of them and we are anxious to know about our members: Lola Hollars, I. J. Graham, Nora Costner, Mrs. Julian Bandy, Esther Price, Beulah Bowing, Eliza Ishill, Roscoe Lewis, Vada Sullivan, Ada Monday, Celia O'Neal, Minnie Phillips.—Mrs. P. L. Brooks, clerk.

As the weather has been so bad I have not been able to do very much but I am open for calls and ready to obey. If any one would like to have my services, write me at Harperrow No. 6, Rt. 4, Columbia, S. C.—Your brother, E. M. Horne.

The Church of God at Bristol, Tenn., will broadcast over station WOPI, Bristol, beginning Sunday, Feb. 23, from 2:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. You are invited to tune in and help us enjoy these services.—R. C. Cook, pastor.

The Church of God at Lake Wales, Fla., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Essie Paulk, Estelle Beasley, Maneva McCall. Any information will be appreciated. If not heard from by our next quarterly conference they will be excluded.—J. M. Warren, clerk, 33 Walker St., Lake Wales, Fla.

WANTED—A Church of God preacher to conduct a revival near Columbus, Ga. Write L. F. Clements, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 373, Columbus, Ga.

This is to notify those concerned that the Central Church of God of 18th and Division Sts., East St. Louis, Ill., has consolidated with Lincoln Avenue church, located at 1716 Lincoln Ave., of the same city. Owing to the heavy financial obligations and the lack of means, the pastor and members of the Central church thought best to consolidate with us, which was done, and the Lord certainly has proven to us (by the spirit of unity that prevails) that it was His will.

We also take this means to inform every one that the consolidation was not because of a failure on the part of Brother John O. Kelley, pastor of the Central

church. He did exceedingly well with the work and is to be highly commended for his splendid work and the spirit he showed in this matter. Our church and Sunday School are increasing in attendance and spirit. Pray for us.—Stanley Joplin, pastor, 1713 Gross Ave., East St. Louis, Ill.

To the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of North Carolina: The Sunday School banner goes to Luther, N. C., Brother Jack Swift, pastor. The Y. P. E. banner goes to Wilmington, N. C., Brother Hamby, pastor.—C. M. Dunn, 33 Montana, West Asheville, N. C.

To the pastors of West Virginia: We are hoping for a general and enthusiastic evangelistic campaign throughout the entire State of West Virginia this year. I intend to visit every church at the earliest possible date, regardless of how small they may be in membership. Some of the small churches have great opportunities before them.

EVANGELISTS

We have some very fine evangelists working within the state, and we are expecting good results from them. Brother D. R. Moreland and evangelistic party is working with us, and is ready to book your calls for meetings. Most everybody in West Virginia knows Brother Moreland and his workers, therefore, they need no special introduction. Those desiring his service may write him at Westernport, Md., or 148 Thorn St., Clarksburg, W. Va., and I will forward your letter to him. We also have Brother M. J. Headley with us from the State of Georgia. Brother Headley is a very successful evangelist and pastor, whom you will do well to get if you are in need of a revival. Write him at Salem, W. Va., or write me for appointments with him. Brother R. H. Tadlock from Indiana is also doing evangelistic work with us this year. He has had some very fine revivals since coming to the state. Write him in care of your overseer, 148 Thorn St., Clarksburg, W. Va. Here is yet another evangelist, who is doing valuable work; he is a good preacher and a splendid musician, accompanied by his wife, a consecrated and valuable helper. Write him—H. H. Hungate, Coal City, W. Va. By no means are we allowed to overlook Brother A. J. Whitlow, of Kelleysville, W. Va. Here is a young evangelist of extraordinary ability, who has had some very outstanding revivals. Write him as above. I will assist you in any way and at any time in securing the services of these evangelists. We also have others who are evangelizing in the state and especially some very successful women evangelists. We have Sister Nettie Richards, one of as fine

women preachers as you will find anywhere, and one that will give a good account of herself under any and all circumstances. Sister Rosa Lee Barr, of Pine Grove, W. Va., has also held some very successful revivals and can be of great service to you in evangelistic work. Write her at Pine Grove, W. Va. Sister N. L. Miller of Buckhannon, W. Va. (Box 622), has also done valuable work as an evangelist, in many rural and neglected places. She is worthy of a trial wherever you may have need of her. Write her as above. Along with others comes Ethel L. Loudon of Salem, W. Va. She, with Sister Miller, has gone out into the highways and hedges and rendered valuable and praiseworthy services. We commend her to those desiring or needing her services. Next we mention Sister Jessie Mae Rose of Verdunville, W. Va. Sister Rose has not been preaching long, but is prayerful, studious, and successful in her efforts. I unhesitatingly say that these women evangelists have a well qualified ministry, which I hope will find more demand with the pastors of our churches. On many occasions a female evangelist will bring untold blessings to your church and create a new interest in church attendance. Lest we forget, we must also mention our Sister Sadie Freeland, of Littleton, W. Va., who has held some of the very best revivals we have had in the state; especially is this true considering the circumstances under which they were held. All these women evangelists are of the kind that go without "purse or script", that is, however, no sign that they do not need it. Give them a trial in your churches, when in need of a successful yet inexpensive ministry.

EVANGELISTIC NEED

Are you pastors aware of the fact that the "wear and tear" of your churches is constantly taking away from you and the midst of your churches those members that make up your roster? You cannot afford to neglect arranging a series of revivals within your churches quite often. Revivals are the sole means whereby you may increase your membership. I unhesitatingly say that when you allow your church to go for a year or two, as some of you have done, that you are neither awake to the needs of your church, nor the possibilities of revival work. Every local church should have a revival as often as every four months and sometimes even more often. Churches are like gardens, they must be worked. Wait a minute! I have forgotten one of the cleanest men in the state, who is open for revivals; this is W. E. Brewer, Grey Eagle, W. Va. He preaches straight from the shoulder, and is worthy of a trial, if you are in need of an evangelist.—E. C. Clark, overseer of Virginia.

Reply to Articles and Arguments

Both over Radio, and in "The Fundamentalist", Frank Norris, Editor

BY ROY E. BLACKWOOD

Dear Sir:

I have read the article written by our opponent, also the letter written by the editor of *Fundamentalist*. I have no desire to enter into a religious controversy, and I want to steer clear of a fighting spirit like I see some have, but I do feel that I want to offer a few things for your consideration by way of rebuttal, proof, or testimony.

First, I want to say that we Church of God people take exceptions to, and detest, and protest against the expression "Holy Roller". We feel that it is uncourteous and unkind of the writer to make such an expression. Every time you use this expression you are violating a very sacred principle, and it has been protested against in our General Assembly.

I am sure the enemy of all righteousness is pleased with such denial and protest against such experiences so plainly taught in the Bible. I feel that we cannot pass these remarks by without reply. I also feel that the Holy Ghost is grieved at such remarks, and men will be brought into judgment for protesting against such experiences so plainly taught which have been obtained by so many thousands.

Now these articles were lengthy, a great volume of words, but not one scriptural proof that healing, anointing with oil, and tongues are not for this gospel dispensation.

Jesus set up a system of religion nearly two thousand years ago, which the early church received and enjoyed, and the Spirit had its manifestation which was given every man to profit withal, 1 Cor. 12:7. It appears to me you fellows wish to strip the Holy Ghost of all His manifestation, and His duties attached to His office. You have nothing left but a sawed-off religion, a dumb Holy Spirit, an experience as dry as a Texas wind, and as empty as a last year's bird nest, and have deviated from God's Word and substituted your ideas which is not the mind of God.

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER,
Heb. 13:8.

I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34. The same experience the early church had wrought in the heart by the power of God, is the same today. We are yet living in the church age, and no angel has come to tell us of a change in that governmental

system of religion set up by Jesus. It should be remembered that John the Baptist did not establish, nor organize a church, but Jesus said, after John was beheaded, that, "Upon this rock I WILL (future tense) BUILD MY CHURCH." Matt. 16:18. Therefore, you have no scriptural right to have a Baptist church. John was the baptiser (bap-tiz-or) because he baptized, but never did John ever hint at a church. He said, "I must decrease," perhaps that is the reason your experiences have decreased, and perhaps that is the reason you know nothing of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and divine healing—you are on the decrease. Jesus came after John's ministry and built a church, and it is called the Church of God about (or approximately) thirteen times in the New Testament, and we are admonished not to add to nor take from.

That explanation of 1 Cor. 13:8 will not hold water. Listen to Adam Clark, LL.D., F. S. A., a new edition condensed and supplemented from the best modern authorities, by Daniel Curry, LL.D.

Quote: "'Charity never faileth.' Love to God and man is essential to social and religious life; without it there can be no communion with God, nor a preparation for eternal glory. Without it there was never true religion, nor never can be; and it is not only necessary through life, but will exist to and through eternity.

"'Prophecies shall fail.' Though the accurate prophet and the eloquent, persuasive preachers may be useful in their day, they shall not always be so; nor shall their gifts fit them for glory. Nothing short of love can fit a soul for the kingdom of God.

"'Tongues shall cease.' The miraculous gift of different languages, that also shall cease as being unnecessary.

"'Knowledge shall vanish away.' All human arts and sciences, as being utterly useless in the eternal world, though so highly extolled and useful here. (Prophecy, speaking with tongues, deep knowledge, are all appointed for the good of the church, for the time; afterward these temporary phenomena shall fall away; even the Christian learning shall do so, for then comes in the perfect knowledge (verse 12) and that as the common heritage of all, whereby the deep knowledge will necessarily cease to exist.—Myer.

"'But when that which is perfect is

come.' The state of eternal blessedness.

"'Then that which is in part (that which is imperfect) shall be done away.' (The appearance of the perfected condition of things necessarily brings with it the abolition of what is only partial. With the advent of the absolute the imperfect finite ceases to exist, as the dawn ceases at the rising of the sun.)"

Un-quote. Tongues, prophecy, and knowledge, these three are for the church age. Charity continues.

Nowhere between the lids of the Bible do you have any thing to prove that Paul was referring to the perfect law of liberty, or the written New Testament when he said, "But when that which is perfect is come." He was not referring to the written New Testament, but he was referring to that blessed eternal state, perfected condition. This explanation by Entxminger, with reference to these gifts only being for the period of time when they had the unspoken Word of God, is just an alibi for his decreased experience with God.

Has prophecy failed? Has knowledge vanished away? At the same time tongues is to cease, prophecy is to fail, and also knowledge is to vanish away. If you can succeed in proving that prophecy has failed and is useless for the present time, and that the things uttered by the prophets, predicted for this age, have proven useless and void, and that knowledge has vanished away, and we are degenerating and living in ignorance and obscurity, then I will agree that tongues have ceased, from a Bible standpoint. But you know these have not failed, ceased, nor vanished away.

If you should come to me and tell me I did not have a right arm, I would know you did not know what you were talking about. So you have come too late to tell us we can not receive the Holy Ghost and get healed, because we have already gotten results, and that is the end of all argument. Jesus said, "All things are possible to them that believe," Mark 9:23, and "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" Matt. 7:11. Elijah was a man of like passion as we and he got results, his success was due to exercised faith. And Jesus was hindered by unbelief of the people, so that he could

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✻ Editorials ✻

We are having trouble in entering the subscriptions of some of those who are renewing their subscriptions. Quite a few write and tell us to send their paper to the new address and fail to give the old address. We have no way of finding out the old address so please, when you renew your subscription or change your address, give us both your old and new address, and write plainly.

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We have decided to give the editorial space this week to this special obituary of our Sister Richard, mother of T. A. and Luther Richard. We have to cut the obituaries down because of limited space but on account of this good mother in Israel and the love we have for her two sons who have labored so faithfully for the upbuilding of the Church, we are giving this space.

RICHARD

Grandmother Richard has gone to rest. She was the mother of T. A. and L. A. Richard. She planned her own funeral, writing it out on paper. Her granddaughter, Pearl Landtrip, with whom she has made her home for many years, carried out her plans. This is what grandmother had to say:

Dear Pearl, I only have a few more days to stay with you, then I am going home to be with Jesus and loved ones who have gone on before. Glory! Glory! My soul is so happy.

I don't want any one to grieve after me for I am ready and willing to go. Just tell all my friends I am going home and to meet me over there.

I was saved and became a member of the Methodist church when I was sixteen years old, but like the song goes, for many years I was sometimes up and sometimes down, yet I had a desire all the time to please God and live for Him.

I believe I'll meet many good Methodists and Baptists, too, over in the glory world and will shake hands with them

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We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake, we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battle field, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

and tell them how I overcame the devil and made it home. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

In the year 1909 I heard the doctrine of holiness and accepted it. I was sanctified and filled with the wonderful Holy Ghost and became a member of the great Church of God, which I love more than anything on this old earth, and my soul has been feasting on the blessings of the Lord ever since.

Last year when it seemed I must leave this old world I asked the Lord to let me live until my next birthday when I would be eighty years old. He heard my prayer and I was eighty last October 10, so now I am willing and ready to go.

Roy, God bless you. You and Pearl have been so good to me since I came to live with you. You have never given me a short word nor spoken unkind. I just pray God to bless and save you both, for I want you to meet me in heaven.

Pearl, I want you to be good to Eugenea and Luther and do what you can for them when you have a chance, and give them the things I have left for them. So good-bye to everybody. Just meet me in heaven, for that is where I am going. Glory! Glory!

The dear saints of Pratt City have been so good to me, and not only the saints but everybody has been so nice to me in this place. I love them all and want them to know I appreciate their kindness to me. I want them to meet me in heaven, for there is where I am going. Glory! Glory! I will soon be at home over there.

Now Pearl, when I die, please carry me back to Copperhill and let me stay in Dillard's home the last night. I want to be dressed in white and I want a light colored casket with these words: ASLEEP IN JESUS. I don't want any one to grieve after me but I want everyone to be true and meet me in heaven.

I want Brother Burroughs and Brother Gallaps to have charge of my funeral service and do the preaching, for they have both been such a blessing to me,

and I believe they are true men of God. So now good-bye to everybody until we meet in heaven.

AND SHE PASSED AWAY

Yes, mother passed away to be with Jesus, Jan. 6, 1936, and her request was carried out as near as could be concerning her funeral. Pearl and Roy had a funeral service at Pratt City and had Brother Burroughs and Brother Gallaps to officiate. Then mother was taken to Copperhill, Tenn., and there we had another funeral service with the Rev. Dr. Cutts, pastor of the Baptist church, Brother Bell, pastor of the Church of God, and Brother Z. D. Simpson of Alabama, in charge. Dr. Cutts made a very nice talk and so did Brother Bell, then, as Brother Simpson had known mother for many years, of course his talk was very touching, and we children appreciate the good words which these brethren spoke at the funeral. God bless them all.

There are five children left behind who will miss the smiles and prayers of a sainted mother, M. D. Richard of Copperhill, Tenn., T. A., pastor of the Church of God at Kingsport, Tenn., L. A., pastor of the Church of God in Lenior City, Tenn., Mrs. Leila Jones of Copperhill, Tenn., and Mrs. Cannie Spraggins of Cleveland, Tenn., also many grandchildren, friends and Church of God people.

*My mother's own hands, her beautiful hands,
Have guided me safe where I stand.
I praise God's name for memories of
mother's own beautiful hands.*

*Oh my mother, how I miss her,
Since the angels bore her happy soul
away.
In a land of love I'll meet her,
By the throne of God I'll greet her.
I will meet my precious mother some
sweet day.*

Her son, Luther A. Richard.

The Lord Has Been With Us

NORTH COVE, N. C.—We have just closed a revival at Peppers Creek Church of God. It has been so cold and snowy here but God surely has been with us. Eight were saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, two added to the church and the church blessed. One woman who had been sick for years was healed and cooked supper that night. The church is lifted up.

We are planning to build a new church. The meeting closed with feet washing and the Lord's Supper. Sister John Maney was the evangelist. We surely have been pleased with her work here, she is a good soldier for God.—The pastor, C. W. White.

What Is Friendship?

E. A. HENSON

TEXT: "A friend loveth at all times." Prov. 17:17.

To be sure, I feel my inability to attempt to write on this all important subject, though I feel impressed to write.

You and I well remember when but a child, our playmates, schoolmates, and the young men and women we learned to know so well. Even now we can look back and see their faces so clear. Those days have come and gone. Many faces we may never see again. But deep in our hearts they made a home. And until we too rest from struggle they will be remembered, affectionately. Friendship! Oh, what a precious word. It would take many pages to explain what friendship really means.

So many times this word is used wrongfully. To be a friend means more than saying, I'm your friend. It's easy to have plenty of so-called friends when you have money or fame; you are crowded with company, always someone ready to offer his help, if you are expected to soon obtain a high office or a very prominent place, and it's almost election time and you're expected to be elected.

A friend you cannot rely on, is the fellow who seeks your company because you have money or because you can show him a big time. A friend not worth having is he who seeks your company because you sit on the throne of power. By hard work you have become leader of some large organization and by virtue of your leadership may be able to dispense important favors.

Observe him who is in high position and you will always find a number of hangers-on who patiently scheme and wait for a hand-out. If you have money, well and good; once lost, watch the crowd run in the other direction. It's a sad picture to look on the side of false friendship. Thank God, there is a few true friends yet.

What is friendship anyway? Proverbs 17:17 (text). We hear the wise man say, "A friend loveth at all times." One man said a friend is as it were your second self, which means clearly, it is an inner bond between people, not dependent on circumstances. It is a bridge between two hearts which they can walk in love, in understanding. With a friend your soul can be naked. He wants you to be what you are, neither being better nor worse. In his presence you can say what you think. You can talk of your aims in the future, or secrets of the past, and in a friend's heart all these are wasted away

in the white ocean of his loyalty. He understands. You can weep with him, laugh with him, pray with him. He sees all, knows all, understands all, yet he loves you still.

There are other ways to recognize a friend. One of the surest is to feel that in the hour of trouble he stands ready; he is your light in darkness, your hope in despair, your consolation in sorrow, and when without money he stands ready to share his wealth.

You can recognize a true friend by what he gives. The very essence of the highest love is the desire to make someone else happy. That holds good for love between husband and wife, between parent and child, and between friends. Giving, not receiving, is the guiding impulse of loyal friendship.

Another way to recognize a friend is by his tongue. He may scold you once in a while for your foolishness or weakness, but he will be first to defend you when you are not present to defend yourself. He is the protector of your reputation.

A true friend will not let your small faults or the errors you might make, keep him from seeing the real desires and interests of your honest heart.

There is one sure friend that sticketh closer than a brother and that is Jesus. Man looketh on the outward appearance (such as your minor mistakes) and judges you by them (1 Sam. 16:7b), but God looks on the heart.

Edinburg, Tex., Dist. S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention

The Edinburg, Tex., district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention was held at The Church of God, Edinburg, Jan. 4, 5 with G. W. Lane, state superintendent, in charge. Saturday night service was given entirely to the young people. Sister Lane was in charge of the program which all seemed to enjoy. There was a goodly number of special songs added.

We met Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m. The day was spent in interest of the Sunday School work, Brother Lane in charge. God blessed throughout the entire day. We also enjoyed a nice dinner on the ground. Brother E. E. Malone, pastor of Aransas Pass church, and a carload of young folks were with us throughout the convention. Their special songs were enjoyed so much. Brother and Sister Green and children sang for us at different times which was also enjoyed. Brother

Lane gave us a one-week singing school which we needed so much. We were glad to get acquainted with Brother and Sister Lane and learned to love them and invite them back.

Let us remember that the state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent's expenses will have to be taken care of, and more than that, I'm sure nobody wants to miss a blessing by not doing his best. Pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, W. W. Smethers, district overseer, Rio Grand Valley district.

Great Revival in N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

North Chattanooga has just closed its most successful revival in the history of the church. The weather was very severe, starting off with a snowstorm and continuing very cold all the way through, but that did not stop the crowds from coming or keep down the interest.

Brother S. C. Chambers of South Carolina was in charge of the meeting and was certainly at his best. The large congregations were swayed by his peculiar style and unique preaching. The meeting continued to get better as it progressed until on the last count seventy-four had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The saints worked the best that I have ever seen and I am sure eternity alone will tell the good that was done.

If you are in need of a revival, I am sure that you would make no mistake in securing the services of Brother Chambers. He is original in his methods, forceful in his preaching and untiring in his efforts.—E. L. Simmons, pastor.

Happy Band of Saints Blessed

WEIR, Kan.—We are glad to report our revival we had at Weir, Kans., with Brother Culpepper of Georgia as our evangelist. Three were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. The saints were greatly built up and encouraged. Brother Culpepper did some wonderful preaching.

I praise the Lord for the way He blesses the happy band of saints at Weir and for our faithful pastor, Brother E. M. Mead, who is willing to suffer hardships for Christ and His Church. We are standing foursquare for The Church of God.

We have a very fine Sunday School, also a wonderful Y. P. E., and most of the young people are saved. Please pray much for us at Weir City, Kans. We are expecting our state overseer, Brother J. M. Snyder, to hold a few days' meeting in the near future.—W. H. Coslet, clerk and treasurer, Cherokee, Kans.

It is a very unwise thing to act before thinking, but it is always a wise thing to think before acting.

DO YOU
need help?
Does life seem
disinteresting
to you? Have
you tried to

satisfy yourself by going to the movies and the dance and the ball game and possibly other things, and yet found they would not satisfy? When you came home, and were alone, that same longing was there—you were dissatisfied—tired of it all? Friend, we are writing this to help you.

If you are SICK in body, and there is no hope for your recovery, you have tried every physician, but you are continually getting worse, friend, there is still HOPE for you, read on.

Would you like to live differently? Do you make resolutions to do better and find you are unable to keep them? Would you like to quit using tobacco, get the victory over the craving for drink or dope? There is HOPE for you.

The writer of this article is a young man who was once DISSATISFIED with life as it was and bound by sin, but now since his conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ he has a new outlook on life—the old habits are gone—there is a hope in his breast—and he is fully satisfied. He feels that he can help you. He wants to help you. Will you let him?

You say, I am too busy to read it now, I'll lay it aside and read it in my leisure. Friend, this is too important to lay aside. Read it NOW.

I was reared in a home where I received very little religious training. My parents used to be Catholic but had quit the church when I was but a small child and then did not go to church at all. I had no desire or interest in religious matters until possibly my last year in high school. Questions would come to my mind as to whether there was anything to life after death or not. I would look to such noted men as Burbank, the plant wizard, he was of the opinion that death was the end of us. Thomas A. Edison also was of that opinion. They were heroes to me and naturally that settled it in my mind for some time.

Later I went to college and took up training in electrical engineering. I went out the next summer for the Barnum Service Bureau, selling books in the country. My first town on the field of my labors was Pray, Montana. The first family I visited were religious and tried to sell me religion and I tried to sell them my books. They gave me some tracts to read and I was aroused to the extent that I asked questions about religious beliefs of every one that professed to know anything about religion. I visited about 800 homes during the sum-

mer. Some were very religious and some were very much the other way. I noticed that homes that were governed by the Bible and prayed in their homes were happy homes. Homes that had no regard for the things of God were generally homes of discontent and strife. I determined that I would endeavor to find out if there was anything to religion or not. If there was, and I failed to pay any attention to religious things, I would miss much in this life, and if the Bible was true, even more in the life to come.

A depot agent at Emmigrant, Montana, planted the seed that grew and convinced me that there was a God. I told him this world was not created but was a red hot ball coming from the sun, that it cooled off and later vegetation grew on it, then germ and later animal life. He said to me, "You don't believe in your own reasoning. You know that if you take a kernel of corn and heat it it will not grow if you get it too hot. You can boil an egg and it won't hatch. You can destroy all manner of life, even germ life, by intense heat. If the earth had been a red hot ball and has even now molten lava in its center, where did life come from?" I said to him, "I don't know," but in my own mind I had to admit that there had to be a Creator of all things or there would not be anything, nor would you or I have life except God gave it to us. That was my first step. Since God gave us life He has a right to tell us how we ought to live our lives down here on this earth.

I was fully aroused. I read books on religion, all kinds and by many writers. I went to Sunday School in the college class. I went to the different young people's societies in the different churches, Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Lutheran, and others some times. I liked to associate with the young people, and I guess I learned a few things about religion, but I received no food for soul, nor any instruction that I might be saved from sin and know that I was saved. That all came later.

In January of 1929 we moved to Great Falls, Montana, where I secured a position in an electric shop. Later wife went with a certain lady to a meeting in a home and I went the next time but did not like it. Later this same lady took my wife to another church and she came back and said that I would like to go there. I went and was struck with the earnestness of the minister. He was of about my own age and seemed so sin-

cere in every-thing he said. I had never heard of the Pentecostal movement, nor was I ever in a testimony service, but in this church I found both. They testified that they were saved. I felt that that was presumption, that no one could know, only God. They showed me scripture in the Bible that we could know and should know. I went for several months to this church then in my own home, when I finally gave in to God, that He could really hear and answer prayer, I was saved and His Spirit bore witness with my spirit that I was a child of God. Rom. 8:16. That was wonderful, I cried and laughed and praised the Lord all at once. I shall never forget that day. I was born again. Hallelujah! I was a new creature, old things had passed away, all things had become new. 2 Cor. 5:17. That was the 13th day of October, 1929. One week later I was baptized in water and then on the 29th of October I received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, as recorded in Acts 2:4; Acts 19:6; Acts 10:44-46.

Ever since my conversion I have lived a different life. I have found it "joy unspeakable and full of glory" as Peter said it was. It satisfies the soul like Jesus said it would, when speaking to the woman at the well of Samaria. He said if she would drink of the water of life that He was able to give, she would never thirst again. If you are dissatisfied with life the way it is, and you thirst again and again, then I would say to you, "Accept Jesus, let him come into your life and you will have that satisfying portion. Jesus truly satisfies the soul."

If you are sick in body, remember Jesus healed the sick in Galilee and He is just the same today. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever." Heb. 13:8. Thousands of souls have been healed in answer to prayer. Come to Jesus and He will make you whole. We have found Him all-sufficient in every case where the conditions were met. Are you bound by sin, by habit? Jesus can set you free. "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Thank God for such a Savior that can set us free. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. "What will it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" An individual's greatest gain is to gain Christ and a knowledge of sins forgiven. "At his right hand are pleasures for ever more." Are you looking for pleasure? You will find it in serving Christ, once you be-

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Look! This is For You!

BY WM. POSPISIL

Ft. Myers, Fla., Dist. Conv'n.

The Fort Myers, Fla. district convention convened at Arcadia, Fla., Jan. 17-19. From the very start the place seemed to be solemnized with the power and presence of God. A hearty welcome was extended to the delegates by the pastor, Brother W. M. Rumler, and Mr. Jones, one of the leading attorneys in Arcadia, in behalf of the city. The Y. P. E. convention program followed with Sister Russell, Brother T. R. Youmans and Sister Morris Wiggins as speakers on appropriate subjects in behalf of the Y. P. E. Each one handled his subject well.

Saturday afternoon, the 18th, was devoted to business and Bible instruction. Saturday evening at 7:30 an address was delivered by Brother G. G. Prince, pastor at Nocatee, on "Keeping House for God". This was a message appropriate for the occasion, directed to the stewards of the house of God. Following this was a sermon by Brother W. R. Sanders, "Effects of the Blood of Jesus", the effects of which were demonstrated in an outward manifestation upon the ministry principally. The shouting, laughing and praising God which usually accompanies our recognition of the blood was prevalent.

The Sunday School convention convened Sunday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a. m. Each Sunday School reported and Nocatee had the largest delegation among the visiting Sunday Schools. Brothers M. B. Norris and W. M. Rumler spoke on subjects relative to the Sunday School work. Brother Williams delivered a message on "Spiritual and Legal Fellowship". To have appreciated the great value of this instructive message would have been to be numbered among those present. It will long linger in the minds of the appreciative hearers.

Dinner was spread on the grounds and all who stayed enjoyed the feast in spite of the cold wind which was the aftermath of the cold rainy morning.

The churches on the district reported in the afternoon. There were six churches and all the pastors were present with a good delegation. The mission offering amounted to \$21.00. The people responded to this cause freely.—One who was present and enjoyed the convention, Mrs. E. L. Newton.

Jesus Getting Us Ready For That Great Day

TITUS, Ga.—Dear saints, I praise God for the full blessing and for being added to The Church of God. We thank God for our little church and little band of saints here at Mt. Pleasant who don't mind to go in rain, sleet, or snow, and God surely is blessing them. I feel that Jesus is getting us ready for that great

day. Oh, I'm just more encouraged to press the battle for Jesus. Bless His good name.

We have home prayer meetings about two or three times a week. We are trying to get holiness into homes where it never has been preached and God is working with the hearts of unbelievers.

Saints, pray for us, we have a great number of folks who are so hungry for the Holy Ghost. Pray that God will remove the hindering cause and give us a landslide right from the throne of God.—A sister under the blood, Lula Dover.

Revival Services A Great Success

READING, Pa.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here with Evangelist Paul P. Carpenter and wife in charge. Eight testified to being saved, five sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Many have said this was the best revival held here in years. While our membership is small here we can truthfully say that God is with us as every need has been supplied. Brother Carpenter is a real man of God and has proved a blessing to the Church. He has made many friends with people of other denominations.

We have been pastoring this work only since the Assembly, but we can truthfully say we have learned to love the good folks here. They love the truth and will stand by anyone who will preach it. Pray for us that God will continue to smile upon us.—In His service, Brother and Sister Henry C. Stoppe.

Homerville, Ga., Church of God on Fire Again

On the night of Jan. 1, 1936, we began a revival at The Church of God here at Homerville, Ga., with Brother Orion L. Alewine and wife in charge. The enemy had been working hard here but Brother and Sister Alewine came here and opened fire on the enemy. They preached some soul-stirring, heart-searching, Holy-Ghost-sent messages and the church was greatly revived. Sinners were made to realize their need of God. Twenty-seven were saved, fourteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, sixteen added to the church, twelve new ones and four by transfer. Brother Alewine's son, Lowell, rendered some fine music with his guitar accompanied by some more boys. The music was enjoyed by all.

Our meeting closed Jan. 26, 1936 with all-day service, dinner on the ground and feet washing and communion service Sunday night. The Lord surely did come down and bless in a wonderful way. Any one wishing a good evangelist and some old time Bible preaching, I would advise

you to get Brother Alewine and wife. They surely are on fire for God. It was said that this was the best revival, the last day and night especially, that has ever been known here. Pray for us.—G. E. Poole and wife, pastor.

An Unseen Hand

CLARA MULLIKIN

I never saw such marvelous love!
I never felt such care!
It came to me in an hour of need;
An unseen hand had placed it there.

I did not see that hand, oh, no!
Yet felt a tender touch;
And in my ear a whisper came,
"I love you, child, so much.

"I gave my life for thee, dear one,
On yonder cross I died;
Now will you suffer for my sake,
And in my love abide?

"If so, dear one, you'll always feel
That unseen hand so strong,
To take you through this world below,
And greet that heavenly throng.

"My sheep hear my voice, you know,
So keep close to my side;
For this cold world is not aware,
There are secrets for my Bride!

"The Holy Ghost will reveal to you
My Father's love divine;
And those who shun His professed grace
Will not in glory shine.

"Now let that meek and quiet Spirit
Your being now possess,
And while you nestle close to me,
Your strength will then grow less.

"Then, in your weakness, I will bring
You to a place where I'll be seen;
And not a dart will pierce your heart
For you're behind the screen.

"Awake, my love, my dove,
My coming is so near;
Just give your whole attention now,
And never, never fear.

"This mocking world is passing on,
Nor will they heed my voice;
Let heavenly visions fill your soul,
Look up and now rejoice!

"The day of your redemption
Is drawing very near;
The signs are all around us,
So, Bride of Christ, good cheer!"

Church Broadcasting From High Point, N. C.

We are on the air over WMFR every Sunday from 3:15 p. m. to 3:30 p. m., High Point, N. C., 1200 kilocycles.—H. E. Driggers, clerk.

REPORTS

Trusting A Wonderful Healer

FERNDAL, Fla.—I thank God I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and have a determination to go on and make heaven my home. I still love The Church of God and her teachings. I have no desire for any other. Thank the Lord, He has healed us up until now. One year ago last Assembly I sent a request for the healing of my body and I started getting better from then on. I haven't been bothered with the trouble since.

I had tetter on my feet for about twenty-five years and the Lord healed it. I had catarrh for five or six years. I had it so badly I could not take a long breath without coughing. On damp days my head would stop up until I couldn't breathe through my nose.

When Brother Martin Baldree preached here he had healing service one night. Something told me to go to be prayed for, so I went and the Lord healed me that night. These are just a few times the Lord has healed us. He has healed us so many, many times.

My oldest child has catarrh bad, so you who believe in divine healing, please pray for her to be healed and get back to the Lord. She has had the Holy Ghost. Pray for me to live the life in a more perfect way than ever before, and that I will fill my little place as I go through this world. If I live until Jesus comes I want to be trusting Him, or if I die, I want to die trusting Him.—Jessie Merritt.

I've Found the Way

HEFLIN, Ala.—Jeremiah 6:16, "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Praise the Lord, I'm glad I found the way and walked therein and it brought peace and rest to my soul. I was brought up from my youth in a good Methodist home, attending Sunday School and service almost every Sunday. I lived a moral life as most all Methodist Christians live. I tried to live just as near right as I knew how, but I knew deep down in my heart I was not living the life I should, according to God's blessed Word, as He told Nicodemus in St. John 3:3-7, "Ye must be born again". I knew I had not been born again because I lived as the world lived and loved the pleasures of the world. 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the

love of the Father is not in him."

My heart kept hungering for something beyond what the pleasure of the world could satisfy. I knew holiness was right because I have an uncle, J. A. Brown, who is a minister in The Church of God and has been for fourteen years. When he and his wife would visit us they would tell us about this good way, but I was so wrapped up in the pleasures of the world and I did not want to bear the reproach, knowing how the people felt about holiness, for holiness has never been preached here.

Dear saints, pray that God will open the way for some one to come here and preach the truth to the people for it is needed so badly. They are living in darkness and don't know anything about the true light. It makes it so hard for me, as I am the only one here who has this blessing, for all my friends turned their backs on me. But glory to Jesus, I have a Friend who will not forsake me, and lo, He is with me always, even unto the end of the world. Who would want any better friend than that. Praise His holy name!

I praise Him for the peace, satisfaction and comfort I have had since He saved, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost and healed me of stomach and gall bladder trouble that had caused me to be kept under the care of a doctor since I was a small child.

It was the third day of September, 1934, that Jesus came into my life in a meeting that Brother H. L. Kitchen of Woodlawn was conducting at Edwardsville. I praise God for healing my daughter of bronchial trouble that she had had for six years. During the winter she would cough all night. She did not get any relief from the doctors. We were in Anniston one night before Christmas in a revival that Brother Earl Brewer was conducting and he prayed for her and the Lord healed her. Please pray for my husband, father and mother. They believe in holiness. My father would be a great help if he were in The Church of God, for he surely believes in helping his church and he has much influence. Pray that I will be drawn closer to God.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Allene Deese.

Stand Still and See the Salvation of the Lord

LIBERTY, Ky.—I am praising the Lord for what He is to me. I praise Him for a full and free salvation, for the sweet Holy Ghost that abides in my soul.

I truly praise Him for touching my body. My side hasn't bothered me since I requested prayer through the Evangel. I surely do enjoy the little paper, the good testimonies are food for my soul.

I seldom ever get to go to services, so I enjoy the Evangel very much. I love the Lord and want to make it through where I'll have no more troubles of this life, for Satan makes it hard for me sometimes. Then is the time I have to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Praise His name!

Dear saints, remember when you pray to pray for me that I'll stand true and be ready when Jesus comes or calls for me. Pray for my boys who are out in sin, also pray that we can have Sunday School this spring when it gets warm.—A sister under the blood, Bettie Topscott.

Hungry For More of God's Blessings

STAR, Miss.—I went to visit my sister in North Carolina last Fourth of July and I had hardly been there two weeks when I was saved, sanctified, and filled with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost. Bro. Max L. Atkins was holding the revival when I through his messages found God. I stayed with my sister, Mrs. J. C. Pinion, almost six months but at last I had to come home where there is no one who knows the way of holiness. They haven't even heard it preached.

I think Mississippi is a needy state for more Church of God preachers. I feel there are many poor souls who are hungry for God's blessings. I know I have gotten more pleasure out of the six months I have served God than all the other years I served the devil. I was a real worker for the devil, now I am determined to work much harder for God by His help and grace. All who read this please pray for me.

My mother died eight years ago and my dad is a real sinner and will not accept holiness at all. My heart is heavily burdened for him, also one sister and six brothers who are very deep in sin. Please help me pray for them before God should come or call one of them out unprepared.

I would be glad to correspond with any one who would like to write me. I have no Church of God to go to, and as you know the Baptist church seems so dead to Church of God members, although I must give this Baptist church the praise for their kindness to us, always inviting us to Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., etc. But when I go it does not feed my food-starved soul, for the Holy Ghost does not abide.

I am glad to say I am very strong on divine healing. My dad tries to get me to use medicine, but I feel I would be backslidden to even go that far back. Every one who prays, please pray for me that I will hold out to the end.—A sister in Christ, Miss Verdine Burham.

His Hand Greater Than Man's

BUCKHANNON, W. Va.—Dear sisters and brothers in Jesus' dear name: I am glad I can testify for my blessed Savior. For three years now I have been afflicted in some way. I feel it is due to a Baptist girl marrying an unsaved companion, but praise God, he is saved now and I feel God will deliver me.

Feb. 25, 1935 God wonderfully delivered me of a four-pound growth which the doctors said only an operation would remove. But thank God He showed His hand was greater than man's. This deliverance is what really caused my husband to believe in Christ.

I was also afflicted with enlarged thyroid glands. This caused an over amount of fat. Doctors said there was no cure for this, that I would just have to take thyroid tablets to keep the weight down. I tried the tablets and they seemed to work, took some weight down but also affected my heart. I got so weak I could hardly do any work. I knew that would not do and besides they were expensive and I could not afford to buy many of them. I just drifted along until a couple of months ago I knew I was gaining every bit of weight I had ever lost and getting worse all the time. It seemed such a funny case I was ashamed to ask people to pray for me. But I made up my mind to trust fully in the Lord. I promised God I would testify for Him everywhere and in every way. Thank God, now I am losing weight every day. But this morning it came to me from God if I would just testify to what He has done I know He would complete the case. I am praising Him believing the case is completed. Praise this wonderful God. Pray for me that I may be ever true to Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Alva Lynch.

New River, Va., Dist. Report

It is with pleasure that I can make this good report about the workers and ministers on the district. God's hand is upon the district. The saints are praying and God is blessing the churches and people. Churches are being revived in spirit and built up in the most holy faith of Christ.

I am also glad to say the peace of God is with the churches and flowing out over the district. That is the spirit that holds God's work together. There is a fine revival spirit moving over the district. The proof of this is, God is blessing. Brother Marvin Porter, who is the district evangelist, has the hand of God upon him. He held a revival at Cliffview and God blessed him with many souls. Eleven were saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and four baptized in water. He has just closed a meeting at Monarat. A goodly number were saved, one sanctified and one baptized

with the Holy Ghost. At the close of the meeting thirteen were at the altar. God has given him favor with the church, also the public. I can recommend him as a good evangelist and teacher. He also lives a very close life with the Lord.

In regard to the church at Fox and the exhorters of that church, I thank God for men who are steadfast and established in the faith of Christ, and who are so faithfully laboring in the mountain district. John Jones, one of the outstanding exhorters, and Eli Mabe went to Trottdale and held a meeting and God blessed them with a wonderful revival. Eleven souls were saved and one filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The people came out and the house was packed. There was a wonderful interest in the little town and country and they were stirred by the hand of the Lord. Eli Mabe came to us from the Christian Brethren church. He has a good report within and without the church because of his faithfulness of attendance to the church service. It was a good pleasure to me to take him in the church. God has revealed the Church to him. He saw The Church of God clearly through the convincing Spirit of God and there was a satisfaction in his soul, a pleasure that came to him after being taken into the Church. He has a good talent and a fine spirit of exhortation. God is moving over that part of the Appalachian Mountains. Brothers John Jones and Oscar Limeberry walk about eighteen miles up in the mountain section which is Baptist more or less. The hand of God blessed them there. They have seen people delivered from the powers of darkness. People who had not spoken to one another for years are in unity of the Spirit now and praising God in the sweet spirit of fellowship.

Brother Felion Hash, who also walks many miles, holds services at Grassy Creek and other places. I am indeed glad to express my hearty appreciation of these faithful exhorters. I am also glad to express my appreciation of Willie Holdaway, who is an exhorter, and his saintly mother, who has so faithfully looked after the little church at Fox.

We expect to start a revival, D. V., the early part of this month. I enjoy working among the ministers and saints of New River district, seeing the unity, peace and fellowship of the Spirit of God that is so beautifully prevailing among the churches.

Since I am placed here by God's hand, I thank God for His Spirit of peace that is ruling in the hearts of His ministers, and saints, and how His sweet spirit of peace and fellowship rules in all services, conferences and business meetings. I desire the prayers of all God's faithful and prayful people that His love and mercy shall rest upon the people of this dis-

trict.

The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but peace, joy, and righteousness in the Holy Ghost. That's why we are enjoying sweet peace, and God's love and mercy in our hearts on this district. It is good for us to examine ourselves and see if the Spirit of Christ is the ruling power of our life. Then we are sons of peace. That's what we all must be to be a true son of peace, to be admitted into God's kingdom. Some day He will say to the child of peace, Enter into the joys of the Lord.—Milton T. Lankford, district pastor, Austinville, Va., Rt. 1.

In Good Health Now

EAST NEWMAN, Ga.—I thank the Lord for the great healing power. I sent a handkerchief to you to be anointed and was well before it came back. I praise the Lord for it. I'm in good health now.

I have a son-in-law out in sin who is sinsick. Pray for him to get saved.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ellen Carroll.

Heals Soul and Body

FAIRFIELD, Ill.—Dear ones, I praise the Lord for healing my baby. I am so glad we have a Physician for the body and soul, the One from heaven who spilled His life's blood for the remission of sins. Praise the Lord! I am glad He showed me this way and I was added to the good Church of God a little over a year ago. I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

My baby was sick and I sent a handkerchief to Brother L. G. Rouse. I promised the Lord if He would heal my baby I would testify to it.

I desire the prayers of you people that I will stay in the center of the Lord's will and be ready should He come or call for me. Pray for my husband to be saved.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Wanda Parker.

Revival Encouraging

SURRENCY, Ga.—I am glad I can report victory over sin this rainy evening while thinking of the goodness of God to His children. We have love and unity at Zion Church of God. We have a good pastor, one who loves his flock.

We had a few nights' revival conducted by Brother James Moore of Adrian, Ga. Some were saved and several were filled with the Holy Ghost. It surely was encouraging. Our pastor, Brother Harvey, brought Brother Myers and Sister Mary Dedge from Alma and they sang some beautiful songs of Zion for us, also Brother Moore plays a guitar and sings wonderfully. Eternity only will tell the good that was done.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. M. Tomberlin.

MISSIONS

OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE

1886-1936

BY J. H. INGRAM

INTRODUCTION: A "jubilee" was formerly a Jewish festival celebrated every 50th year, to commemorate the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. (Lev. 25:8-24). It also represents the 50th anniversary of any event. The word "golden" is usually employed to give excellency or prominence to the occasion, especially is this true when referring to the 50th wedding anniversary. August 19th, 1936 will mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Church of God, thus bringing to a close our "Golden Jubilee", whether or not we attach any significance to it.

FIFTY YEARS OF PROGRESS

It was about the year 1884, a spirit of dissatisfaction and unrest began to work in the mind of a licensed minister of the Missionary Baptist church by the name of Richard G. Spurling, then living in Monroe county, Tenn. This humble and sincere servant of God, desiring to see a revival and a general reformation, began a more careful study of the Bible, and for two years or more of careful searching, praying, weeping and pleading, apparently to no avail, he, with others, began to arrange for an independent meeting for a conference and a more careful consideration of religious matters.

The result of the prayers and research on the part of Mr. Spurling and his companions proved three things to their entire satisfaction. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when the noble and illustrious reformers were throwing off and breaking out from under the galling yoke of Romanism, and launched and inaugurated what is commonly known as Protestantism, they failed to reform from creeds; they adopted the law of faith when they should have adopted the law of love; and third, they failed to reserve a right of way for the leadership of the Holy Ghost and conscience. Besides the aforesaid points, they were awakened to the fact that God's Church existed only where His law and government was observed by His children.

After having taken plenty of time for consideration, the time and place for the meeting was arranged and announced. That day is worthy of remembrance—Thursday, August 19, 1886.

The small company of humble, faithful, conscientious pilgrims, met at the Barney Creek meeting house, Monroe

county, Tennessee. After prayer, a strong discourse was delivered by Richard G. Spurling, emphasizing the need of a reformation. The arguments were full of force and proved effective and were endorsed by the hearers, so that when the time came for action there was free and earnest response.

The proposition and obligation was simple. We give it below: *"As many Christians as are here present that are desirous to be free from all men-made creeds and traditions, and are willing to take the New Testament, or the law of Christ, for your only rule of faith and practice, giving each other equal rights and privileges to read and interpret for yourselves as your conscience may dictate, and are willing to sit together as the Church of God to transact business as the same, come forward."*

In response to this proposition eight persons, whose names are given below, presented themselves and gave each other the right hand of fellowship: Richard Spurling, John Plemons, Sr., Polly Plemons, Barbara Spurling, Margaret Laftus, Melinda Plemons, John Plemons, Jr., Adeline Laftus.

After having joined themselves together under the above obligation they decided to name the baby organization "Christian Union". They then decided to receive persons into membership who were possessed with a good Christian character, and that ordained and licensed ministers from other churches could retain their same position or office without being reordained. By virtue of the office he had held as a faithful ordained minister in the Missionary Baptist Church for a number of years, Elder Richard Spurling was duly acknowledged and recognized as their minister, to do all the work devolved on him as such in the new order. He then having been placed in authority by the body, took his seat as moderator, and by prayer dedicated the infant church to God, imploring His guidance and blessing for it, and that it might grow and prosper and accomplish great good.

An invitation was then given for the reception of members, and they received Richard G. Spurling, who was then a licensed minister. The church chose him as their pastor and had him ordained the next month, September 26, 1886. Soon after this, Elder Richard Spurling died, at the advanced age of about seventy-four years. Although he was honored with being the first ordained minister, he

never lived to see the results of his prayers, tears and labor of love in assisting to launch this great reformation, that is now assuming such vast proportions as it is spreading over the world.

The little church grew very slowly at first. But few cared anything about the infant organization. Nevertheless they continued to preach a clean gospel, urging the people to seek and obtain the blessing of sanctification subsequent to salvation, and at the same time they prayed, fasted and wept before the Lord until a great revival was the result. People became interested and were stirred for miles around. Quite a number professed salvation and sanctification through the blood of Christ. This meeting was held in the Shearer school house, over in Cherokee county, North Carolina, by Evangelists William Martin, Joe M. Tipton, and Milton McNabb. After the series of meetings were over and the evangelists had gone, the people commenced a Sunday School, and prayer meetings were conducted regularly by Willima F. Bryant, a leading man of the community. People earnestly sought God, and the interest increased until unexpectedly, like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky, the Holy Ghost began to fall upon them, in the same manner as at Pentecost, upon the early church, Acts 2: 4.

While the meetings were in progress, one after another fell prostrate under the power of God, and soon quite a number were speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. The influence and excitement spread like wild fire, and the people came for many miles to investigate, hear, and see the manifestations of the presence of God. This was in the year 1896 when the revival began, and although the people knew very little about the Bible, they prayed, shouted and exhorted until hundreds of hardened sinners were converted, and about a hundred men, women, and children received the Holy Ghost baptism and spoke in other tongues under the power of the Spirit of God.

The power of healing was soon realized, and a number of miraculous healings were wrought by the power of God. Persecutions followed and four or five houses, where they met for worship, were burned.

At one time the storm of persecution broke in with such fury that one hundred and six men, composed of ministers, stewards and deacons, from other churches, with one sheriff and one justice of the peace, banded themselves together to put down the revival, even by violence, if that was the only way it could be accomplished. They deliberately

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Requests

Please pray for my mother, father, sister, and brothers to give their hearts to God and get the blessing before it is too late. My sister once had the blessing but is going back in the world. Pray an earnest prayer for God to heal my body. Pray for my husband to be healed and for me as I have an unspoken request. Pray that the Lord will give me victory and faith. Pray that husband and I will live the life before our neighbors and loved ones. We need your prayers.—Mrs. Nora Mae Dyer, Rt. 1, Box 100, Bloomington Spring, Tenn.

I desire the prayers of God's children as I have been sick a long time with my knee. I can hardly walk. Pray for God to heal me.—An Evangel reader, Mrs. L. M. Salers, Dossville, Miss.

Dear ones, please pray for me that God will completely heal my body. Pray that my family and I will be ready. I don't get to go to Church of God services and need prayer.—Mrs. Julia Piner, Haverlock, N. C.

Dear saints, pray for me. I am bothered with gall bladder trouble. Pray for the Lord to heal me completely and show me what to do.

I also ask that some one will set aside a part or all of the month of July to come and help us in a meeting. We are expecting Brother D. A. Sanders to hold a revival through July but he can't hold out to do all the preaching and song leading too. Please pray much for us and for the meeting that we are looking forward to.—A sister in Christ, Ella Brewer, Silver Creek, Miss.

Please pray for us as we are in a new place. God is blessing. Pray that God will heal my body and keep us fit for the service. Pray that we will get a church here.—Yours in His service, H. H. Hungeate, Bud, W. Va.

Dear saints, please pray that God will have His way in my life. Pray that He will help me overcome and stay humble at Jesus' feet and receive the Holy Ghost.—Ted Babston, Bradentown, Fla.

I am a patient in the United States Veterans' Hospital and I desire the prayers of all the saints that I will soon be able to go back to my loved ones.—J. E. Austin, Augusta, Ga.

Please pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, also my hus-

band to get salvation. Pray for my body to be healed and for the church and saints here.—A sister, Gastonia, N. C.

I praise the Lord for the blessing that I have, but I desire your prayers that I might be an overcomer and be ready to go when Jesus comes or calls. Also pray for my loved ones to be saved and for the Church of God in Clyde, N. C.—Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, Clyde, N. C.

Saints everywhere, please have a special prayer for me as I am suffering with rheumatism and indigestion.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Andrew D. Green.

I want you to remember my wife in your prayers, that God will restore her health; also that both of us will be true servants of His.—Willie C. Holdaway, Box 83, Fox, Va.

Dear saints, please pray that the Lord will heal my body that I might be able to attend church services and work for the Lord as I once did. I have been unable to walk for almost five years.—Mrs. J. B. Sykes, 1600 S. Church St., Rocky Mount, N. C.

Pray for us at Charlottesville, Va. We are starting a revival in the early spring, D. V., and want a church to be set in order here then.—Anna E. Landes.

Pray for the Lord to heal my eleven-year-old son of chills, if it be His will. Also pray for our little girl who has adenoids and for this little church at Dana.—Mrs. L. A. Harville, Grenada, Miss.

Pray for us as we are in a revival at Lavonia, Ga. There have been two saved. Brother Prince is pastor and he and his wife surely are fine people.—W. A. Goss.

Restrictions have been placed on all the churches and all schools have been closed in Harlan, Lynch, Benham, and Cumberland because of spinal meningitis. Many of our people including some of our preachers, are quarantined. Brother S. B. McCane has been quarantined for twenty-one days and asked for special prayer for him and his church. This disease has claimed the lives of over thirty people in two weeks. Please remember all of us in prayer.—C. E. Richard, Box 746, Lynch, Ky., c/o Richard Harris.

Please pray earnestly that God will humble His children here and send an old time, Holy Ghost revival, that many will receive the Holy Ghost in our meeting with Evangelist J. R. West in charge.—Henry C. Swanson, pastor.

Dear saints, pray a special prayer for me to be healed. I have an inward goitre

that bothers me, also heart trouble and bad nerves. I am fully trusting the dear Lord for healing. Pray for the Lord to increase my faith. Also pray for my sister-in-law to be healed as she is in a bad condition but believes in divine healing and is a good Christian.—A sister under the blood, Nannie Estep.

I had a fall about three years ago and have never gotten over it. I never get to attend church as we are over twenty miles from our church. I would be glad for some of the saints to write me or send some good reading material. We get the Evangel and it is food to our souls. We hope in the near future to have a Church of God preacher come to our town as it is a needy place. Please pray for the healing of my body. Pray for the church at Graves Chapel, also pray for Union City, and may God put it on some one's heart to come and establish a work here. We live four and a half miles northwest of the city.—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warix, Rt. 2, Union City, Tenn.

Good Revival Spirit

BATH, Me.—The Lord is blessing so wonderfully here that we want you to share the joy. The writer came here Jan. 11th, four weeks ago, and found a warm welcome and willing coworkers. Since that date two have been saved, three sanctified and four baptized with the Holy Ghost. Attendance at the services has doubled and interest seems to be mounting higher.—Yours in His service, Bertrice C. Smith.

E. St. Louis, Ill., Dist. Y. P. E. Convention

The East St. Louis, Ill. district Y. P. E. convention convened at Collinsville, Ill. Thank God, we surely had a wonderful meeting. The speakers were at their best. They had some interesting subjects. East St. Louis was present with their speakers and singers. We had special singing by their young people and our district overseer, Brother Joplin. Alton had some good speaking and singing also. It was a wonderful meeting enjoyed by all.

Collinsville is only a small church but God is with us, so if God be for us who can be against us? Praise the Lord! We had five good preachers but they just let the young have it. We had Brother Freeman with us, he is about his Father's business.

Specials songs were given by the Joplin sisters and Brother Joplin, the Dunaway brothers and the pastor at Alton. Collinsville had some wonderful speakers, Sister Beard and Sister Bruckman. The whole evening was enjoyed by the whole district. Pray that the Y. P. E. will grow, glow and go in Illinois.—Brother Bob, Collinsville, Ill.

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The Cleveland, Tenn. district convention will convene at Mount Olive church near Cleveland, February 28, 29-March 1. Everybody is invited to attend.—W. M. Stallings, district overseer.

We are on the Hazlehurst district this year and have covered most of the district, conducting revivals as we go. We find here some true blue, Church of God people. We have just closed a revival at West Green where seven souls prayed through to victory and the church was greatly built up. We are now in a revival in Baxley. Our district meeting will convene at Hazlehurst March 13-15. All the churches in this district are expected to be represented and a cordial invitation is extended to all other churches. Our state overseer, Brother J. P. Hughes, will be with us at this time. Come on, preachers, and let us put it over for God and His church. A revival is to follow the district meeting. Pray that God will be in our midst.—J. A. Hipps, district overseer, Baxley, Ga.

We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mrs. Susie Edwards and Mrs. Ruby Bowman.—Hoida Norris, clerk; Willie Lyles, pastor, Campaign, Tenn.

The Blacksburg district Sunday School convention will be held at the Church of God at Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 23. We will be looking for a good delegation from all the churches on this district, also we extend a hearty invitation to all other churches. Be sure to come and help us enjoy the blessings from the Lord that day, as we are expecting to have some real speakers and good programs, also expecting several string bands, good quartets, trios, and class songs.

The Blacksburg district Y. P. E. convention will be held at the Church of God at Blacksburg, S. C., March 8, beginning at 11:00 a. m. I am sure every Y. P. E. member, fathers and mothers will be there to enjoy the feast from the Lord, for we are looking for God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be there in a great way. We are asking every church member to pray much for the Y. P. E. convention that it will be a success for the Lord.

To all the Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendents of the Church of God in South Carolina: When you send in your reports, please send me your P. O. Box number and street address, so I can get in touch with you without so much trouble.—C. F. Grant, 8 Front St., Saxon, Spantanburg, S. C.

The Church of God at LaFayette, Ga., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Margaret Pierce, Lillie Wesson, Agnes Murphy, Alice Murphy and Brother Morton Murphy. If not heard from by next conference, they will be excluded.—Lula Mae Barnes, clerk.

Oklahoma ministers, notice: We will have our first district convention of this church year with the Maud district, meeting at the Tecumseh church. Churches are Maud, Seminole, Shawnee, Tecumseh, Norman. A. E. Opsata is district pastor. In conjunction with this district convention, we will also have our state ministers' meeting. I want every preacher in the state to be present at the first roll call Friday night, 7:00 o'clock, Feb. 28. Matters of interest to all alike will be taken up throughout Friday evening and Saturday, having the district representations, Sunday, March 1. Don't fail to be there. Also don't fail to notice my address is changed.—S. J. Wood, Overseer of Oklahoma, Lawton, Okla., Box 115.

The Church of God at Parkersburg, W. Va., would like to hear from Ruth Rosier and David Swissey. If not heard from by next conference, their names will be dropped.—Zanna McGee, clerk, 3002 North Avery St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

The Church of God annual state convention for New Mexico, will convene at Jal, New Mexico, March 27th, 28th, and 29th, inclusive. Brother J. H. Walker, our General Overseer, informs me that he will be with us and bring three or four preachers with him. We are expecting Brother S. W. Latimer, Editor and Publisher, and Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, and we hope that Brother Boehmer will also come with them. We are also expecting Brother T. S. Payne, State Overseer of Texas; Brother S. J. Wood, State Overseer of Oklahoma, we will be looking for you. Now, Texas folks, we are looking for you.

Pastors, please raise your mission quota, i. e., an amount equal to 5 per cent of the tithes paid in to your local church. Also raise your ten cents per member for aged ministers and send it to Headquarters. Each pastor please bring a full report of your work in general to the state convention. We will give free entertainment as far as possible. If you have any extra blankets bring them along. Three big nights and two big days just packed full and running over, of old time preaching, singing, shouting, in fact, everything good that goes with an old time, Church of God, Holy Ghost convention. "Come; for all things are now ready."—John E. Douglas, State Overseer, Box 264, Jal,

New Mexico.

The Massey Line Church of God would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mary Wallace. If not heard from by the next quarterly conference, she will be dropped from the church roll.—C. C. Dunnivant, pastor; R. J. Dollars, clerk.

I have been in the ministerial work for nearly thirty years, pastoring and evangelizing. I could fill some calls for revivals anywhere I could get to them. I stand one hundred per cent for The Church of God and truth. For reference write William E. Johnson, pastor, Elizabethton, Tenn., and M. P. Cross, state overseer of Tennessee, Cleveland, Tenn.—W. B. Vance.

The Valdosta district convention will convene at Valdosta, Ga., Feb. 28-March 1. We are looking for a great feast from the Lord. To all the pastors on the district, please have as good representation from your church as possible. Everybody invited to come and have a good time and be in the presence of the Lord. Brother J. P. Hughes, state overseer, will be in charge.—L. H. Griffis, district overseer.

The date of each district convention in South Carolina is as follows:

Greenville district, March 20-22, Earl Paulk, District Overseer; Anderson district, March 27-29, J. C. Childers, District Overseer; Langley district, April 3-5, N. B. Osborn, District Overseer; Dillon district, April 10-12, Clyde C. Cox, District Overseer; Laurens district, April 17-19, R. G. Looney, District Overseer; Charleston district, April 24-26, A. B. Reed, District Overseer; Rock Hill district, May 1-3, E. L. Jacobs, District Overseer; Walhalla district, May 8-10, Ben T. Sprouse, District Overseer; Blacksburg district, May 15-17, Odis Smith, District Overseer; Columbia district, May 22-24, W. C. Dempsey, District Overseer.

Each district overseer should visit the churches on his district before date of the district convention and see that churches are up with their quotas. I am praying and hoping that each pastor will have made his 25 per cent increase in Evangel subscriptions, as was agreed in our ministers' conference. All pastors, remember that any pastor who does not raise his mission quota will be considered ineligible for pastoral work in South Carolina next Assembly year. Remember that each district's conference. All pastors, remember this Assembly year. District overseers and pastors, look out a needy place and lay your plans at as early date as possible.—Faithfully, R. P. Johnson, Overseer of South Carolina.

Death Notices

DEESE

Sister Lottie J. Deese was born March 31, 1915, and died Jan. 28, 1936. The funeral was conducted in the Church of God at Lando, S. C., by the writer, and interment made in the Lando cemetery.—E. L. Jacobs.

GROVER

Sister Liller W. Grover died Jan. 20, 1936. The funeral was conducted in the Church of God at Greer, S. C., by the writer, assisted by Brother W. E. Raney. Interment was made in the Barton's Chapel cemetery.—E. L. Jacobs.

WILSON

The death angel came and claimed as its victim a darling baby boy, I. L. Wilson, on Dec. 26, 1935. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.—E. L. Jacobs.

NESHAM

Mrs. Thomas Nesham was born Jan. 24, 1867, and died Feb. 2, 1936. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and interment was made in the Berthold cemetery.—D. L. Lemons.

Bernard Thomas Logan, son of Hugh and Anna Logan, died Feb. 6, 1936, at his home at Gates.—A friend of his and family, Amelia DeFino, Adah, Pa.

KUTZ

The Lord called dear Sister Susanna Kutz, aged twenty-seven years, to be with Him on Feb. 6, 1936.—A dear friend, Mrs. Amelia Shumaker.

HOLMES

May Holmes, sister of Amelia Shumaker, passed away and was laid to rest in Springfield, Ill.—A sister.

TRANHAM

Charlie Trantham was born Jan. 24, 1897, and died March 15, 1935. The funeral was conducted at Crumley's Chapel by Brother Kennedy and Brother Gasip and interment made in the Crumley's Chapel cemetery.—His daughter, Lena Trantham, Rt., Heflin, Ala.

NOTICES

The Church of God at Hattiesburg, Miss., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following parties: Nena Newsom, A. E. Newsom, Ruth Bain, Eva Mae Fayaco, and if not heard from by March 25th, their names will be dropped from the church record.—W. E. Smith, clerk; A.

J. Gardner, pastor, 804 Elizabeth Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss.

I would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Lula Veal and Brother A. L. Moxley.—Minnie Kinsey, clerk, 1917 Ellis St., Augusta, Ga.

God Manifested His Power

Dear Evangel readers: God is still blessing The Church of God in High Point, N. C. We are in our new church now. On Jan. 5th Brother John L. Stephens, our esteemed state overseer, preached the dedicatory sermon. God surely did give him the anointing power and he preached a wonderful sermon. In the evening service we had different speakers whose messages were enjoyed.

We had a two weeks' revival. The weather was bad but we had a good time. We received three new members into the

SPECIAL NOTICE!

The Bible Training School Chorus will sing over W. D. O. D., Chattanooga, Tenn., Sunday afternoon, March 8, 5:30 p. m. to 6:00 p. m., under the direction of W. W. Goins. This program will be sponsored by The Clark Brothers Furniture Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

If you would like to have the B. T. S. in your home, by means of the radio, write me a letter at once. We would like to receive many thousands of letters in the next week or two. Please don't neglect this. — Yours truly, W. W. Goins, B. T. S., Cleveland, Tenn.

church.

Saints, when you pray, remember High Point. If Brother D. R. Robinson reads this, please write me.—Sincerely, H. E. Driggers, clerk, 504 Mallory St., High Point, N. C.

Working For the Lord

Greetings to my many friends who would like to hear from us in Virginia. Since coming here after the General Assembly to be appointed New River district evangelist and Y. P. E. superintendent, I have conducted three country revivals with a reasonable amount of success and made some progress in this section, where most of the churches are in country, mountain regions. The Lord has been good to me for which I am more than thankful. Anyone desiring the service I would give, remember the district address. — Your brother, Marvin E. Porter, Austinville, Va.

The Lord Has Helped Us

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—Dear Evangel readers: The Church of God at Rocky Mount, N. C., is glad she can still report victory over sin and the devil. We have had some hard struggles here but, praise the Lord, we are on the top once more. We have just closed a four weeks' revival which proved to be a wonderful success. We have had revivals in which more souls prayed through, but this revival surpasses all others in its effect upon the church. Seven were saved, five sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost and four united with the great Church of God.

We feel that our report would be very incomplete without boosting our pastor, Brother J. G. Houck, a little for the wonderful work which he has been doing in our midst during this Assembly year. Our church has made greater progress financially during the past few months than it has made in five years previously. The tithes paid into the church treasury now will easily double what they were during last Assembly year. We feel that much of this increase is due directly to the fact that everyone loves our pastor and wants to see the work go over the top under his guidance.

We believe that one of the most outstanding ways in which Brother Houck has endeared himself to the people at Rocky Mount is by visiting the sick. We have had much sickness among our members this winter, but the snow has not been too deep or the rain too hard for Brother Houck to visit and pray with the sick. Pastors, if you want a successful church, visit the sick and do your duty as a good shepherd.

We feel that we should praise the Lord for the way in which He has helped us complete our church here. Our church was incomplete last year when God laid it on the heart of one of our dear brothers in Christ to give us lumber to complete the church. We truly praise the Lord for His help. We must remember that if we hold on to the Lord long enough He will come to our rescue.

We have already had two good revivals at Rocky Mount during this Assembly year, but if the Lord tarries we are looking for still greater things. We are expecting a home coming the fifth Sunday in March and expect to start another revival then. Pray for us in Rocky Mount, N. C. that we might be able to hold up a greater light than ever before to this lost and dying world.—A sister in Christ, Miss Elizabeth Sykes.

STATE CONVENTIONS

New Mexico State Convention
Jal, N. Mex., March 27-29
JOHN E. DOUGLAS, Overseer

Reply to Articles and Arguments

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not do many mighty works in certain places. That which hinders God's work is holiness fighters and Word of God rejecters. The disciples failed on a few cases, then Jesus did the work, and Jesus said this kind goeth out by much prayer and fasting. I will ask you, How long have either of you fasted, prayed and tarried for the Holy Ghost, or for any one to get healed? I will venture to say you have decreased down to where nothing is left but a question mark in the pulpit. You are more like a politician than a preacher, there is nothing left but leaves, no fruit, no results, just getting church members, joining the church under conviction, some of them, without being born again, cutting out the manifestations of the Spirit, but just preaching with enticing words of man's wisdom, with no demonstrations of the Spirit and power.

With reference to the explanation made, that the oil used in James 5:14 was for medical purposes. Do you think the oil used on the tabernacle, altar, and vessels in Moses' time was used for medical purposes? Were the vessels sick? Was the altar sick? Yet Moses was commanded to anoint them with oil for this purpose specified. Exod. 40:9. (That is to hallow it, which Webster says means to make holy; to consecrate.) This oil is symbolic, just as the position you take with reference to water baptism. The water baptism is symbolic of what is supposed to have taken place inside. (An outward expression of an inward experience.) So is the oil symbolic of an outward act of obedience.

In ancient times they had an oil that was used as an article of food, also beaten olive oil used in the lamps to produce light, and then the oil used for ointment, as is referred to in Psalms 133. But if you will notice St. James, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, tells us in St. James 5:15 that the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise them up. Not the oil, no, no. Then if the oil is not going to raise them up, and plays no part in the recovery, why apply the medicine? The Word of God says the prayer of faith saved the sick and the Lord did the work. But according to your argument the oil was medicine. But if it were, then this would be the work of a medical doctor, and not the elders of the church. As the oil played no part in the actual restoring to health, then the oil evidently was an act of obedience on the part of those doing the praying. If the oil did the healing, the Bible would have said so, but as the

Bible does not say so, but does say what did the work, then I will believe the Bible, and let every man be a liar, but God be true.

Now what authority do we have from the Bible, or from heaven, to change the plan of salvation from that experienced and received by the primitive church? My answer is, None whatever. The Word of God is the standard by which every experience, and doctrine is tested.

I want you to remember that we do not believe in taking poison. The Bible says, "If they take any deadly poison, it shall not hurt them." We do not believe in making a side show of handling snakes either, but the Bible says they shall take up serpents. I think it is unfair to refer to these extreme cases, and class all of us in the same bunch. Why don't you pick out the sorriest man or woman in your church and class all the rest by that sorry man or woman? I want you to know that not any of our members even chew tobacco, neither do they go to the shows, or ball games which are works of the flesh; neither revellings, which Webster says means "a noisy feast", or carousal. I am afraid you all have played on the extreme side of the middle of the road in your arguments, and have not been fair with the subject being considered.

Why not earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints? Jude 3. Is it not the Lord that healeth all our diseases? Psalm 103:3. "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, as some men count slackness." Have faith in God. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," Hebrews 11:1—a Bible definition. "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Ephesians 3:20.

God can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, and if He has even the hairs of our head numbered, attends every funeral of the sparrow, measures the water of the seas in the palm of His hand, weighs the mountains, puts the hills in the scale, clothes the grass of the field, and paints the lily of the valley so that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these, I believe God can hear and answer prayer today the same as in the early church.

Louis Entzminger said the reason things were done back in Jesus' day was for a purpose (that they might believe). Yes, that is right, and that is the same reason why God does things today.

Tongues are for a sign to the unbeliever, 1 Cor. 14:22, they edify the speaker, 1 Cor. 14:4, were set in the church by the Lord, 1 Cor. 12:28, and are one of nine gifts of the manifesta-

tion of the Spirit, 1 Cor. 12:10. Paul said, "Covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues." 1 Cor. 14:39. You will take the word "not" in Matt. 19:14, where Jesus said, "Suffer little children***and forbid them NOT, to come unto me." Yes, you will swallow this bait, hook, sinker, cork, line, pole and all. BUT here, stop, LOOK, LISTEN. "Forbid not to speak with tongues," 1 Cor. 14:39. Tongues are a sign to follow believers, Mark 16:17, and it is prophesied that "with men of other tongues and other lips, will I speak unto this people," yes, "with a stammering lip, and another tongue," Isa. 28:11. They spoke in tongues at Pentecost, Acts 2:1-4, also Cornelius, his kinsmen, near friends, and household spoke in tongues, Acts 10:44-46. Also twelve other men at Ephesus spoke with tongues, Acts 19:1-6. My friend, over two million have, since nineteen hundred, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spake with tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and you nor no one else can down it from a Bible standpoint.

It is like the man who was put in jail, and his friend came along and informed him they could not put him in jail for the thing he was charged with. His reply was, "They can too, for I am already in here".

We have already received the blessing, and have God's Bible to back us up in it and we are over two million strong, having God for our Father, Jesus for our elder brother, the Holy Ghost for our abiding Comforter, heaven for our future home, and the Bible to back us up.

Now remember charity will never fail, will last throughout eternity, but we will have no need for preaching, prophecy, science, gained knowledge or tongues, when that which is perfect is come, the state of eternal blessedness, the appearance of the perfected condition of things, which necessarily brings with it the abolition of what is only partial. With the advent of the absolute the imperfect finite ceases to exist.

Why not follow after charity, and DESIRE spiritual gifts? God has provided them for the Church. 1 Cor. 12:28.

I admit we are behind, we are in the rear, compared with the early church, but even in the early days of Methodism church history tells us Peter Cartwright, the Methodist pioneer, said, "A new exercise broke out among us called the jerks, which was overwhelming in its effects, also such instances as what were called the running, jumping, barking exercise." Women shouted their bonnets off, and their hair down. Didn't you study this in church history when you were in school?

Too many have substituted churchanity for christianity; religiousness for

righteousness; activity for spirituality; and morality for the new birth, who have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof, 2 Tim. 3:5. Paul says from such turn away. They have their programs, their trained preachers, and singers and can carry on a form of godliness, they can follow the outline and use big swelling words, but God is far from them.

Missions

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tore down and burned the house where sinners were getting saved in nearly every service, in open daylight. But the greater the persecution the more the revival spread.

The meetings were moved to the home of W. F. Bryant, and the power and glory of the Lord increased. It was then that seven men banded themselves together to stop the work, and rode one day to the home of Mr. Bryant and demanded him to stop the meetings, and also forbade him having prayers with his family; but, like Daniel of old, he purposed in his heart to obey God rather than man, and so the meetings continued, amid threats, showers of stones and rains of lead.

As a comparison, the first General Assembly was held in the home of J. C. Murphy, Cherokee county, N. C., with twenty-one persons present. The last General Assembly was held in the million-dollar Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Auditorium in Chattanooga, Tenn., with about six thousand in attendance. At the beginning of this Assembly year, the statistical report showed a total of 1,413 churches, with a registered membership of 49,644, including 336 bishops, 479 deacons, 1,489 evangelists, to say nothing of the exhorters. At this rate we are gaining an average of 1000 new members each year, which is wonderful, with some movements reporting losses. Then there are all the Bible schools, the orphanage work, the new publishing house, with the great volume of business it is doing, with the work in general spreading out until it has reached nearly every state in the Union, a number of provinces in the Dominion of Canada, as well as several foreign countries. But I feel that we are falling far behind, when it comes to discharging our duty to God, as regards evangelizing the world. What do you say? Let's combine our efforts to make this a real banner year for the Church, and go over the top for Jesus.

ONWARD TO THE GOAL

Over the top, is largely a World War term. When the "zero" hour arrived for the boys to go over the top, they "went" or else fell back in the trenches, wounded or dead from the effects of the enemy's

fire. We all know that war is bad, even for those who do not have to "go over the top". But in this Christian warfare it is just the opposite. I believe we have a goal which we can reach this year, if every one will just work to that end, determined to "go over the top" in every department of the Church, and at the same time look to God for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit.

I was just thinking, it would be wonderful if we could call a special seven-weeks' "home-coming jubilee" to continue through the week of Aug. 19th, letting the fiftieth day fall on Sunday, with an all-day meeting, with thanksgiving, prayer and praise, thus bringing to a conclusion our "golden jubilee". During this time we might devote ourselves to special evangelistic meetings, and check up on our spirituality. On the other hand, check up on our financial obligations, and see how far we are from discharging them, making it a point not to allow ourselves to be satisfied with anything short of "going over the top" one hundred per cent on every line, whether it be the orphanage, old ministers, general indebtedness, home or foreign missions. The writer, who is in the foreign service, witnessed the ingathering of around a thousand new members in his field of labor last year, and hopes to bring this up to the two thousand mark this year. We are embarking upon a mission tour that is calculated to reach around the world if Jesus tarries until another Assembly. I believe also that we can count on you in your place. Then we can celebrate a real "jubilee" when we gather in the next General Assembly, and join in singing: "Over the top for Jesus, bravely we will go,

Over the top for Jesus, routing every foe;
Never delaying when we hear the bugle blow,
We'll fight for right with all our might,
as over the top we go."

Look! This is For You!

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come a child of His.

You know that sooner or later you will have to meet that monster, death. Are you going out to meet death unprepared, with a doubt in your heart and mind as to what the outcome will be? You don't need to. Give your heart to Jesus. Paul said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:

13.

I could go on and show you scripture after scripture showing you of the certainty with which you could know that you are saved and ready to meet death but time and space will not permit. You know that you ought to live for God, that you ought to bring up your family to live right and when they die make heaven their future home. You know it is to your best interest now and hereafter and we want to be a help to you. Start NOW. Don't lay this sheet aside until you have resolved in your mind to start to serve the Lord. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." Isa. 55:6.

Y. P. E. An Asset to Church

MANNS CHOICE, Pa.—This afternoon we wish to offer up thanks and praise to our God who is worthy of all praises because of the wonders He has done for mankind. In Jer. 6:16 we find some good instructions. "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein."

This afternoon we can truthfully say the Y. P. E. is the best organization that's ever been organized, but still many young people think they will be disgraced to join our band. They don't realize the Y. P. E. is the best way they can choose. They say, "We will not walk therein." But I am glad because some are seeking the old paths, for I am sure the Y. P. E. is the best thing on earth besides The Church of God.

On Jan. 30th, the Williamsburg district had their first district Y. P. E. meeting, Brother David Lykens in charge. We believe God gave us Brother Lykens because we feel he can set a solid example before the young people, and that is why we need to have a strong Y. P. E. Everyone who was on the program was at his best although the snow hindered and there were only two represented out of the five. Brother David Lykens advised the young people to stand together as one body.—Miss Gladys Greene.

Glad For Full Salvation

PINE BLUFF, Ark.—Greetings in Jesus' name. I praise God for free and full salvation. I have been reading the Evangel a little more than a year and I enjoy it so much.

I believe Pine Bluff would be a good place to build up a Church of God as there isn't a Pentecostal movement here that teaches sanctification.—Yours for the Master, Curtis K. McAdams, 521 E. 8th St.

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